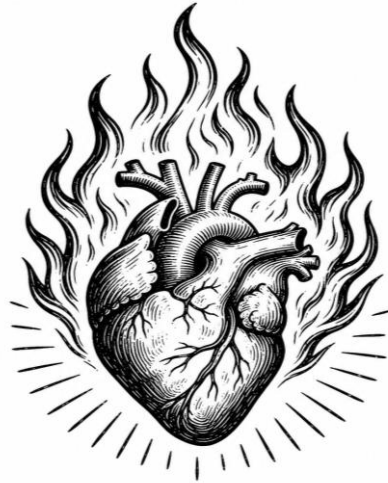




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THE 18th SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY



RENEWING THE POWER TO LOVE
-JOURNEYING THROUGH 1st JOHN-

A SERVICE OF
HOLY COMMUNION

October 4, 2026

GRACE NOTES – October 4, 2026

HOMECOMING! We welcome our GCC and Grace Anglican Alumni to worship today! It's so very, very good to have you back here!

VISION STATEMENT & VALUES.

Check out the inside cover of your bulletin to read our recently honed Mission and Values.

INSTRUCTED SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION.

Next Sunday, Sept 27, we'll be having (at both our services) an Instructed Service of Holy Communion which goes through the service as we worship with some 'teaching points' that help us to see WHY we do what we do during worship, so that our worship all-year-round can be more fulfilling and understandable.

RENEWING THE POWER TO LOVE:

Walking through the First Epistle of John. Join us as we engage deeply and healingly in the subject of Love as told by the aging apostle John in his first letter.

SEXUALITY REDEEMED: EXPLORING ADDICTION AND HEALING.

The major malady in our time is sexual addiction, and the Church has the privilege of offering a gracious, honest, shame-free Word to those who are caught up in compulsive behavior and thinking. This class is for everyone, whether someone struggles with addiction or not. We'll talk about the nature of addiction, hear testimonies of how our folks have been freed-up, and learn how real progress can be made. 4pm, beginning September 20th.

TESTIFY! We are putting together a book of testimonies from the people of Grace for our 20th Anniversary. We are looking for no more than 200-word testimonies that offer praise for specific things that he's done through the ministry of Grace, along with a photograph of the person/family making the testimony.

Please email them to ethanasius@gmail.com. Deadline for testimonies is OCTOBER 6.

MONTHLY MISSIONS. Our church plant Redeemer in Franklin has been blessed recently with growth and a shift to a new worship space at First Baptist. Please pray for development of their newly launched nursery and children's liturgy ministry, so that they would be better positioned to engage young families in their area.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION for all ages begins Sept. 13 at 4pm.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY IS HERE for kids ages 3-6. Join us downstairs during the evening service to hear God's Big Story! See dismissal instructions in the bulletin. No CL on 10/4, 11/1, and 11/29. Our last class of the semester is 12/20.

INFANT CARE ROOM.

The library is available as a dedicated space to care for your infants during the service. The livestream is available in this space during evening services.



NURSERY. We offer nursery for children (infants to three-year-olds) downstairs.

THE CASA YOUTH MINISTRY for all 6th-12th graders resumes Sept. 15.

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Processional Hymn: Ye Holy Angels Bright

Words: Baxter, 1681 Tune: Darwall



1 Ye ho - ly an - gels bright, who wait at God's right hand, or
 2 Ye bless - ed souls at rest, who ran this earth - ly race and
 3 Ye saints, who toil be - low, a - dore your heaven - ly King, and
 4 My soul, bear thou thy part, tri - umph in God a - bove: and

through the realms of light fly at your Lord's com - mand, as - sist our
 now, from sin re - leased, be - hold the Sa - vior's face, God's prais - es
 on - ward as ye go some joy - ful an - them sing; take what he
 with a well - tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy

song, for else the theme too high doth seem for mor - tal tongue.
 sound, as in his sight with sweet de - light ye do a - bound.
 gives and praise him still, through good or ill, who ev - er lives!
 days till life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.



Minister. Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, & the Holy Spirit.

Answer. And blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Minister. Let us pray [together saying,]

The Collect for Purity, said by all

ALMIGHTY God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Summary of the Law

HEAR what our Lord Jesus Christ says. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it; You shall love your neighbor as your self. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. -MATTHEW 22:37-40.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

ALmighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of your laws, and in the works of your commandments; that, through your most mighty protection, both here and always, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Song of Praise: Let us Love and Sing and Wonder

Lyrics: John Newton

1. Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
He has washed us with His blood (3x)
He has brought us nigh to God

3. Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store
When thro' grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more
He who washed us with His blood (3x)
Has secured our way to God

2. Let us love the Lord who bought us
Pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood (3x)
He presents our souls to God

4. Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fill the sky
Thou hast wash'd us with thy blood (3x)
Thou art worthy Lamb of God

Minister. The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with your spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

Collect for the 18th Sunday after Trinity

Keepest, O Lord, your household the Church in continual godliness, that through your protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly serve you in good works, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Epistle Lesson: I John 3:1-10 (ESV)

Reader. A reading from the first epistle of John.

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will

be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. ⁸Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the

beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. ⁹No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. ¹⁰By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

Reader. The Word of the Lord.

Answer. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 24:1-5

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, *
the compass of the world and those who dwell therein.
2 For he has founded it upon the seas *
and established it upon the rivers of the deep.
3 Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? *
Or who shall stand in his holy place?
4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, *
and who has not set his mind upon vanity,
nor sworn to deceive his neighbor.
5 He shall receive blessing from the LORD *
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:35-40 (ESV)

Reader. The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Answer. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

✚ A lawyer asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸This

is the great and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

Reader. The Gospel of the Lord.

Answer. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Nicene Creed

LET us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

WE believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

WE believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

WE believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, we are taught by your holy Word to offer
prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask
you mercifully to receive our prayers. Inspire continually the universal Church
with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who confess your
holy Name may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and live in unity and
godly love. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the way of righteousness;
and so guide and direct their leaders, especially Donald our President, Josh our
Governor, and Randy our Mayor, that your people may enjoy the blessings of
freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may impartially administer justice,
uphold integrity and truth, restrain wickedness and vice, and protect true
religion and virtue. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Give grace, heavenly Father, to all bishops, priests, and deacons, and especially to Steve our Archbishop; Julian, our Provincial Dean; Alec our Bishop; Ethan, Don, Chad, and Joe, our priests; that by their life and teaching they may proclaim your true and life-giving Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments. We pray for our parish staff and vestry, and all ministers and missionaries in residence. And to all your people give your heavenly grace, especially to this Congregation, that with reverent and obedient hearts we may hear and receive your holy Word, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Prosper, we pray, all those who proclaim the Gospel of your kingdom throughout the world, and strengthen us to fulfill your great commission, making disciples of all nations. This month we pray for Redeemer Anglican Church in Franklin, and Eric, their priest, asking for the Lord to bless, protect, and increase their gospel-ministry. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We ask you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [we welcome your spoken prayers]. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We remember before you all your servants who have departed this life in your faith and fear, and we ask you to give us grace to follow the good examples of all your saints, that we may share with them in your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Invitation to Confession

ALL who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and seek to live in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in his holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

General Confession, said by all.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Comfortable Words

HEAR the comfortable words from the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
-MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. -JOHN 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. -1 TIMOTHY 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. -1 JOHN 2:1-2

Minister. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People. And with your spirit.

Offertory Sentence. Walk in love, as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God. -Ephesians 5:2

Offering and Doxology (tune: *lasst uns erfreuen*)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (the 1662 Order)

Minister. The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with your spirit.

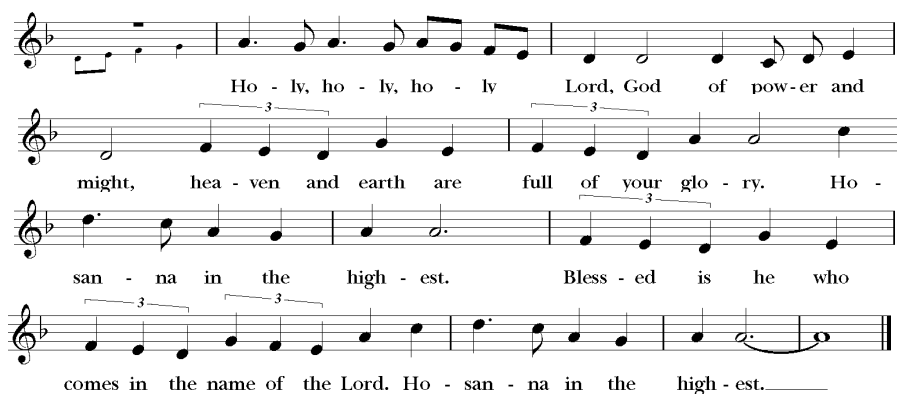
Minister. Lift up your hearts.

Answer. We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Answer. It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

IT is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



The Prayer of Humble Access, said by all, kneeling.

WE do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The People continue to kneel. The minister stands and continues.

ALL praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again. Hear us, merciful Father, and grant that we receiving these gifts from your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." **AMEN.**

Invitation to Communion. All baptized, believing Christians of an understanding age who are admitted to the Sacrament within their own church are encouraged to receive it with us. Scripture requires some understanding of the Supper, instructing those who commune to ‘discern’ the Body as well as ‘examine themselves’ (I Cor. 11). It is the historic and consistent practice of the Anglican Church for young children to be catechized before receiving the Supper (contact a minister for resources). Please walk down the middle aisle to receive the bread in open hands and consume it. Drinking wine directly from the common cup is the customary manner of receiving it, though bread may be carefully intincted (dipped) into the wine. Small, individual cups of wine are available for those who have health concerns. Gluten free bread is available.

Intercessory prayer is available in the back of the church. This takes place during the distribution of Communion. You can come back for prayer for any reason whatsoever. If you want prayer for healing (physical or otherwise), you can also request anointing with oil (a biblical symbol for healing and restoration).

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

1. Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven’s praises, robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

2. Come behold the wondrous mystery, he the perfect Son of Man
In his living, in his suffering, never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in him we stand.

3. Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption, see the Father’s plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold

4. Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e’er restrain him, praise the Lord, He is alive
What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected, as will we be when he comes.

There is One Gospel

Words and Music: Jonny Robinson & Rich Thompson

1. There is one Gospel on which I stand, For all eternity
It is my story, my Father’s plan, The Son has rescued me
Oh what a Gospel, Oh what a peace, My highest joy and my deepest need
Now and forever He is my light, I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

2. There is one Gospel to which I cling, All else I count as loss
For there, where justice and mercy meet, He saved me on the cross
No more I boast in what I can bring, No more I carry the weight of sin
For He has brought me from death to life, I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

3. There is one Gospel where hope is found, The empty tomb still speaks
For death could not keep my Saviour down, He lives and I am free
Now on my Saviour, I fix my eyes, My life is His and His hope is mine!
For He has promised I, too, will rise, I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

4. And in this Gospel the church is one, We do not walk alone
We have His Spirit as we press on, To lead us safely home
And when in glory still I will sing, Of this old story that rescued me,
Praise to my Saviour, the King of life, I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

King of Kings

1. In the darkness we were waiting without hope without light
Till from heaven You came running there was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt

Chorus: Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit three in one;
God of glory, majesty; praise forever to the King of Kings

2. To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation you did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering you saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation: Jesus for our sake You died (chorus)

3. And the morning that You rose All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good for the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored

4. And the Church of Christ was born when the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name in His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me (chorus)

The Lord's Prayer, said by all

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

OUR Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer, said by all

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Blessing

THE PEACE OF GOD, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: The Law Demands a Weighty Cost

Words: Bunyan, date unknown. Tune: Old 100th

1. The law demands a weighty cost,
And not a single mite is lost;
But gospel sings of Jesus' blood,
And says it made the payment good.

2. The law provokes men oft to ill,
And steely hearts makes harder still;
But gospel acts a kindly part,
And melts a most obdurate heart.

3. Run, now, and work! the law commands,
Yet finds me neither feet nor hands;
But sweeter news the gospel brings,
It bids me fly, and gives me wings.

4. Such needful wings, O Lord, impart,
To lift my feet, and brace my heart;
Good wings of faith, and wings of love,
They make the cripple sprightly move.

5. With these a lumpish soul may fly,
And soar aloft, and reach the sky;
Nor faint nor faulted in the race,
But cheerly work, and sing of grace.

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN LAW & GOSPEL

Martin Luther wrote that ‘distinguishing between the Law and the Gospel is the highest art ... which every person who values the name Christian ought to possess.’ Luther knew that both the Law and the Gospel came from God, but that they function quite differently. He also believed that when this distinction is misunderstood, people suffer. I fully agree with him.

WHAT IS THE LAW? The Law is something specific inside the Bible, but it’s also something broad and experiential. Biblically, the Law was the covenant that God gave to Israel at Mt Sinai. This Law included the 10 Commandments (plus 600 additional rules that went along with them) and it expected a lot of labor: ‘do this and you’ll live!’, it said. If Israel worked hard to be holy, she’d thrive in the Promised Land (an earthly picture of heaven). If Israel failed, she’d be exiled from her homeland. Israel’s Law was conditional, and later Scripture (especially Paul) believed this system was impossible for sinners to keep – especially from the heart! Luther also taught that there was a broad and permeating sense of ‘Law’ that everyone – not only Israelites – experienced. He reasoned that God’s moral order was present everywhere within all Creation, and thus most people have a hunch that they ought to be better than they are. It is due to this ‘hunch’ that we so often conceive of religion as way to climb higher, work harder, and gussy-up our lives so that we’ll be made acceptable. This is a Law-approach to spirituality – legitimacy through labor – and it’s everywhere! It also doesn’t work.

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL? The Gospel is not about our labor under the Law; it’s 100% gift. It’s not something we do, but rather a glad announcement about something beautiful that was done for us. Jesus’s good news is most clearly shown at his sin-bearing cross and in his empty tomb. We are justified – declared to be right with God – by the effective labor of our crucified and risen Christ. Because of him we are forgiven, loved, and belong to God forever. The law and our obedience doesn’t add one bit to it. Oddly enough, this gift of Grace has only one audience – the undeserving and ambivalent sinner – and it alone has the power to change our deep moral tissue. The ever-demanding Law with its moral precepts can neither pardon nor change anyone’s heart to love what is good. Paul puts it plainly: ‘I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the Law, then Christ died for nothing’ (Gal. 2:21).

HOW DO WE RELATE TO THE LAW? Luther (and Paul!) wants us to know that we are not under Israel’s specific Law-covenant and its threats for disobedience. That contract was fulfilled and over when Jesus established the New Covenant through his blood. But Luther taught that Christians can still benefit from the moral teachings of that Law in 3 ways. **First**, the Law clarifies God’s good order in Creation which was made for human thriving. **Second**, the Law unveils our sin (like a shiny mirror that reveals a garish blemish). **Third**, the Law can even remind us of the Gospel, and here’s how: when Luther read the 10 Commandments, and he did every day, he would first hear them as accusation. Take, for example, ‘You shall have no other gods before me.’ It can easily be read *accusingly* (that is, ‘Martin, you certainly have false gods in your life, you wayward idolater, so get rid of them all, now!’). But that same commandment can also be read as promise (that is, ‘Martin, God vowed to make you into a new creation and one day he’ll finish the job - *you shall*, in fact, have no other gods before Him! *You shall be fully healed!*’).

Luther would have a rage-fit if he heard what is often expressed today; namely, that a person converts to Christ through faith in the Gospel but then leaves the Gospel behind in order to grow by climbing the ladder of the Law. Many so-called Christian sermons focus mostly upon what we ought to do (i.e. the Law): be more moral, vote differently, try more tactics, eat more kale, be more inclusive, etc. Luther would yell, ‘*Nein!* The Christian needs the Gospel even more than morals!’ We grow in love and ethical metamorphosis by returning to the core – which is the crucified and risen Jesus. The gospel alone causes growth.



OUR VISION

WHERE THE GOSPEL
IS THE MAIN THING
IN EVERYTHING.

OUR VALUES

We PROCLAIM

- We preach the Gospel “as of first importance” from God’s Word (I Cor. 15).
- We proclaim Good News through the two Sacraments of Baptism and Communion, and are governed by the *Book of Common Prayer* and the *39 Articles of Religion*.
- We engage adults, children and teens, and Grove City College students with warm, imaginative, accessible opportunities to encounter and understand Jesus.

We BOND

- We worship together on Sundays as the heart and hub of parish life.
- We fellowship in small groups to deepen bonds in the Body of Christ.
- We cultivate hospitality to care for one another in the varied seasons of life.

We TRAIN

- We help people of all ages to form life-long patterns of Scripture-study, prayer, service, and other biblical practices that cultivate us as disciples of Jesus.
- We identify, equip, and multiply lay-leaders.
- We identify and nurture future and clergy and missionaries.

We SEND

- We equip disciples to compassionately carry the Good News to campus, neighborhood, workplace, region, and world-wide mission fields.
- We creatively work to build loving, relational bridges with our neighbors.
- We resource other churches & missions with theological, financial, & personal assets.

GLOSSARY.

-**39 Articles:** It’s the Anglican statement of faith. It’s brief and great. Google it!

-**Sacrament:** A Sacrament has 3 parts: 1. An outward and visible sign of 2. an inward grace, 3. ordained by Christ. There are two of these signs that fit all 3 criteria, and they are baptism and Communion.

-**Gospel:** Paul defines the Gospel in I Cor 15 as the death and resurrection of Jesus that forgives our sins and renews the world.

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